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Rural District of Aysgarth

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1971

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1971.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Aysgarth Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the health of the District for the year 1971. The report follows the lines of previous reports.

The Birth Rate as adjusted by the comparability factor was 12.2 compared to 16.0 for England and Wales. There were no infant deaths. The General Mortality Rate (adjusted) was 10.7 compared with 11.6 for England and Wales. I have no comments on these figures.

No cases of infectious diseases were notified.

The water supply authority for the District is the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board. Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Jolley, the Public Health Inspector, and his staff for their co-operation and support during the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

(H. R. Morrison)

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) General Statistics

Area in acres	81,032
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population Mid 1971)	2,980
Population (1941 census)	4,257
Population (1951 census)	3,607
Population (1961 census)	3,303
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	1,209
Number of inhabited houses (1971)	1,368
Rateable Value of District (April 1971)	68,658
Product of penny rate	£245

(b) Vital Statistics. (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES.			FEMALES.		
	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.
Live Births	16	15	1	14	14	-
Still Births	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infant Deaths.						
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 4 weeks.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 week.	-	-	-	-	-	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus.	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	1	-	1
Cerebrovascular Disease.	1	1	2
Other Borms of Heart Disease.	2	3	5
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease.	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver.	-	1	1
Other Disease of Respiratory System.	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	5	8	13
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	-	1	1
Pneumonia.	3	3	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	-	1
All Other Accidents.	-	2	2
	19	24	43

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The details of staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Service Laboratory closed at the end of August, 1971. Since then Laboratory Facilities have been provided by the Hospital Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station at Bainbridge.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in Northallerton by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Lancaster and Bradford Hospitals.

NURSING IN THE HOMES.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Mid-Wifery service is under the general direction of the County Council, with the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. Three generalised duties nurses operate in the area.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

This is provided by the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer..

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION E.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details of this work and of meat inspection are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

NIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

A total of 1072 visits and inspections were made during the year.

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Complied With	Statutory Notices	Complied With
Council Work	198	-	-	-	-
Housing	121	2	2	-	-
Public Health Acts	52	3	2	-	-
Building Regulations	316	-	-	-	-
Improvement Grants	152	-	-	-	-
Slaughter Houses (for the purpose of meat inspection)	88	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	24	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	27	-	-	-	-
Petroleum Regulations	12	-	-	-	-
Rodent Control	24	-	-	-	-
Factories Act	5	-	-	-	-
Caravans	22	-	-	-	-
Planning	26	-	-	-	-
Refuse Collection	5	-	-	-	-

Refuse Collection and Disposal

A rear of premises seven day interval refuse collection service over the greater part of the District was maintained throughout the year with only minor dislocation due to mechanical breakdown and bad weather.

I am grateful to Sedbergh Rural District Council who continue to collect refuse from some premises at the Western limit of the District.

The refuse collectors have continued to maintain good relations with the public and the few complaints I have had to investigate have not been due to misbehaviour on the part of the workmen if one discounts the occasional missed bin which is always regretted. No improvement has been made in the control of tips, absence of covering material is the main difficulty and the unauthorised use of tips continues to give trouble.

Askrigg tip will have to be abandoned next year.

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies.

139 samples of water were examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, 115 were reported satisfactory. No samples were submitted for chemical examination.

Total Number of dwellings in the Area.	1368
Total Number of dwellings supplied from Council Mains.	1174
Percentage of dwellings supplied from Council Mains.	86%

NORTHALLERTON AND THE DALES WATER BOARD.

Details of main extensions proposed by the Board were received during the year, the eventual integration of the main sources of supply in the district will improve the reliability of the whole system.

No major shortages occurred during the year in spite of the continual increase in demand.

It will be seen that out of 139 samples of water examined by the Public Health Service, 24 were unsatisfactory, this number includes some untreated supplies.

No chemical analysis has been carried out, to my knowledge, for some time and I feel that whilst the various sources are not considered to be plumb solved, insufficient attention has been paid to the chemical contents of the water for some time.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

There are 50 premises in the district which come within the scope of the above Regulations, they are as follows:-

Cafes	9	School Canteens	5
Public Houses	16	Fish & Chip Shops	1
Confectioners	5	Fishmongers	2
Grocers	2	Cheese Factory	1
Butchers	6	Hotels	3

It will be seen from the table of inspections that 27 visits were made to this type of premises, even less than last year and it is a matter for some regret to me that I cannot devote more time to this work.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The total number of animals inspected was 391 and it was necessary to make 88 visits for this purpose.

The following table gives details of the food animals killed and the amount found to be unfit.

	Bullocks	Heifers	Total cattle (excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.
Number killed	42	37	79	-	-	213	99
Number inspected.	42	37	79	-	-	213	99
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSOS AND CISTICERCI							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	4	3	7	-	-	4	3
Percentage.	9.5%	8%	9%	-	-	2%	3%
Total Percentage	9.5%	8%	9%	-	-	2%	3%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CYSTERCERCOSIS							
Whole carcase refridgerated.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The 391 animals killed were in the one private slaughter house in the district. The animals were all young and in prime condition. The small number of condemned organs were all connected with parasitic conditions and the carcases were not affected in any way.

In my absence meat inspection is carried out by Mr. Seeds of Leyburn with whom I have a reciprocal arrangement.

SEWERAGE

Table showing houses connected to Sewers and Water Mains in the Various Parishes.

Parish:	Total Prop-erties	To Sewer	Otherwise	Septic Tanks	Water Mains
Abbotside High	85	36	10	39	60
Abbotside Low	47	1	4	42	34
Askrigg L.A.	133	132	-	1	132
Askrigg N.L.A.	39	1	1	37	35
Aysgarth L.A.	58	58	-	-	58
Aysgarth N.L.A.	26	5	2	19	26
Bainbridge L.A.	89	88	1	-	88
Bainbridge N.L.A.	84	18	5	61	60
Bishopdale	12	-	2	10	-
Burton-cum-Walden L.A.	93	93	-	-	92
Burton-cum-Walden N.L.A.	31	-	3	28	14
Hawes L.A.	374	368	-	6	374
Hawes N.L.A.	93	19	12	62	31
Newbiggin	23	-	1	22	21
Thoralby L.A.	49	40	-	9	47
Thoralby N.L.A.	9	-	4	5	-
Thornton Rust	41	-	-	41	39
Carperby-cum-Thoresby L.A.	64	64	-	-	63
Carperby-cum-Thoresby N.L.A.	13	-	-	13	5
Total:	1368	923	45	395	1179

A total of 81 non-domestic properties are connected to Council sewers.

The Council continued to make charges for the reception into their sewers of farm effluent and no revision of the charges was made.

No progress was made towards the re-construction of Hawes Sewage Works.

HOUSING.

HOUSING ACTS.

There was a reduction of 15 in the number of houses in the district which are regarded as unfit, the steady reduction in the number of unfit houses is part due to the encouragement of improvement grants, and also to the increasing use of houses in the district as second homes. This trend will continue for the forseeable future and whilst not everyone agrees that it is a good thing, there is no doubt that the stock of fit houses is increasing and the total rateable value improved. The alternative is a large number of unfit vacant houses which would spoil the appearance of the villages and have an adverse effect on the overall economy of the Dale.

HOUSING ACTS 1959 to 1971 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The Council offered 11 Standard grants and 29 Improvement Grants during the year, the highest number since the grants were started. The total amount offered was £33,792.

NEW COUNCIL HOUSES.

Four three bedroom houses were erected at Mill Lane, Askrigg.

HOUSING SURVEY.

The following table shows the classification of the houses inspected in the Rural Housing Survey.

	Not Inspected	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 5
Abbotside High	8	5	48	18	4
Abbotside Low	4	18	16	8	5
Askrigg	5	40	83	50	4
Aysgarth	2	29	41	10	3
Bainbridge	5	50	92	23	3
Bishopdale	4	1	8	-	-
Burton-cum-Walden	23	28	60	20	1
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	2	23	37	15	-
Hawes	20	144	206	64	18
Newbiggin	-	2	17	4	1
Thoralby	-	19	27	5	1
Thornton Rust	-	12	27	2	-
Total: 1971.	73	371	662	219	40
Total: 1970.	74	358	647	234	41

HOUSING ACT 1969.

Six applications for Qualification Certificates were received.

OVERCROWDING.

No accurate figures are available as the overcrowding survey done many years ago has not been brought up-to-date. It is certain that there is no serious overcrowding.

HOUSING AND NEW BUILDINGS.
Conversions by Private Enterprise.
& New Houses.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and those completed since 1945 in various parishes.

Parish:	Completed:	Under Construction:
Bainbridge	6	2
Hawes	21	5
Askrigg	10	4
Thornton Rust	5	-
Aysgarth	7	1
High Abbotside	1	2
Low Abbotside	10	1
West Burton	5	1
Thoralby	4	1
Carperby	2	1
Total:	71	18

HOUSES BUILT BY AYSGARTH R.D.C.

Parish:	To 31/12/71.	Under Construction:
Hawes	61	Nil.
Bainbridge	20	-
Askrigg	14	-
Carperby	6	-
Aysgarth	4	-
Thoralby	2	-
West Burton	2	-
Total:	109	Nil

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, BUILDING REGULATIONS.

93 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the following table, 316 visits were made, an average of rather more than three visits per deposited plan.

Parish:	New Houses	Alterations & extensions to dwellings	Garages & Sheds	Cow-Sheds & Dairies & Piggeries	Alterations to buildings other than dwellings	Division of dwelling houses & conversions to same	Total
Hawes	5	18	3	4	3	5	38
Bainbridge	2	8	2	1	-	2	15
Askrigg	1	6	3	3	-	1	14
Carperby	2	3	1	1	1	-	8
Aysgarth	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
High Abbotside	2	2	1	-	1	-	6
Low Abbotside	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Thornton Rust	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
West Burton	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
Thoralby	-	3	-	-	-	1	4
Newbiggin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bishopdale	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total:	14	42	10	11	6	10	93

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The conveniences in Hawes and Bainbridge receive daily attention and the standard of cleanliness has been satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL.

24 visits were made to premises other than Council properties. The Council continued to issue Warfarin based poison free of charge to occupiers of domestic properties. Advice was given in all cases and in some cases I carried out treatments.

The Council's tips and other properties were treated during the year and no serious infestations occurred.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.
Part I of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises:	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities....	1	6	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	-	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total:	19	6	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary convenience (S.7).....	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not seperate for sexes...	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	-	-	-	-	-

There are no outworkers in the Rural District.